

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 140

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A RESOLUTION to recognize Robert Brown on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their years of public service; and

WHEREAS, Robert Brown is one such estimable person who has served with distinction for thirty-eight years with the Department of Energy and its predecessor, the Atomic Energy Commission; and

WHEREAS, after a long and distinguished career with the Department of Energy, Mr. Brown entered into retirement on March 3, 2011, stepping down from the position of deputy manager of the department's Oak Ridge Office, a post in which he had served with acumen and alacrity since May of 2007; and

WHEREAS, a native of St. Louis, Missouri, Robert Brown was raised in Oak Ridge, earned a Bachelor of Science degree in civil engineering from the University of Tennessee, and was employed as an engineer by the Pittsburgh-Des Moines Steel Company in Birmingham, Alabama before joining the Atomic Energy Commission; and

WHEREAS, for nearly four decades, Mr. Brown served as a stabilizing force within the Oak Ridge Office, and his unwavering commitment to excellence attended his many positions of responsibility; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure with the Oak Ridge Office, Robert Brown served as the director of the Project Management Division, deputy assistant manager of the Strategic Petroleum Reserve, executive director for the Construction and Engineering Division, the assistant manager for Assets Utilization, and, from March of 2003 until May of 2007, as chief

operating officer. As the chief operating officer and deputy manager, Mr. Brown was responsible for the site's operational and internal business activities, including those of cross-cutting issues, internal initiatives, and the continuity of leadership for the Oak Ridge Office; and

WHEREAS, at the time of his retirement, he was also serving as the acting assistant manager for Nuclear Fuel Supply, in which position his responsibilities included the execution and administration of the Department of Energy's nuclear energy programs for the development and deployment of the next generation of uranium enrichment; and

WHEREAS, during his long and storied career, Robert Brown ushered the Oak Ridge Office through a number of positive changes in the areas of reindustrialization, metal recycling, and environmental cleanup, and his many efforts helped transform the Oak Ridge Office site from an outdated, government-owned Cold War site into a revitalized and reindustrialized private industrial park; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Brown, a licensed Professional Engineer in the State of Tennessee, is a past member of the Tennessee Society of Professional Engineers; and

WHEREAS, Robert Brown exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Robert Brown has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his colleagues and a grateful public; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we extend to Robert Brown our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.